April 13th, 2015

News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information. Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN. These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info!______

Spring Membership Meeting last weekend! The Ogema's Spring meeting was last weekend beginning with his Meet-N-Greet on Friday night in the Three Fires Conference Center. See photos and an article in the April Currents.and a mini-report on page 2 of the Rapid River.

2015 Spring Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings last week! The Teachings began on Wednesday the 8th with Pwaaganak, Sunrise Ceremony and lighting of the Sacred Fire and included an explanation of why we have Sunrise Ceremonies. See the article in the April *Currents* and a mini-report on page 2 of the Rapid River.

2015 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp! This years' popular language camp is coming up. See the details on page 5 and the call for presenters on page 6.

Next Earth Day Meeting: Another meeting about our Earth Day

Celebration to finalize the agenda and all the different activities for the event. Has been set. This meeting will be at Historic Preservation area (Government Center) on Tuesday morning on April 14th beginning at 10:08. We are also getting 50 white pine seedlings donated from the Consumers Energy/Michigan International Speedway seedling program. We also received funding from Tribal Council to help us out. Miigwech to LRB Tribal Council for the budget. Anyone can attend this meeting, bring your ideas and smiles. See the flyer on page 7.

Spring Anishinaabe

Teachings in Tribal

Historical Preservation

Health and Resource Fair/LRCR: The Wellness Committee at the Little River Casino Resort is set for April 29th, 2015 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m.

MIEA Scholarship! This year's 2015 Scholarship Application is now available. Please share news of this opportunity with our young people. NOTE!!! The application and supporting documentation has to be submitted **no later than** June 20th. Any questions? Contact Tom Derwin, Coordinator at 906.387.3498 of by email tderwint@hotmail.com. The application can be seen at: https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/News/Scholarship_Application.pdf

Departmental Awards Announced: Tribal Historic Preservation has received recognition from the State of Michigan in the 2015 Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation. The Tribal Utility Department also received an award and Certificate of Excellence as a Laboratory of Excellence. See the full articles in the April *Currents*.

Bear and Elk Permit Applications Available! The Natural Resource Commission has released the 2015 Bear and Elk permits. See them in the April *Currents* or on page 145of this Rapid River News.

B-Ball Anyone? If anyone in the Manistee area is interested in getting together weekly to play basketball, contact Kareen at 398-6819.

March Currents online! The 28 page March *Currents* is on line. Go to https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/Currents%20-%20March%202015.pdf to see this and other issues.

The April edition will be available on the 15th of the month.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will be holding their Spring Quarterly
Conference April 20th, 21st and 22nd at the Little River Casino Resort in the Three Fires
Conference Center. The LRBOI Elders Committee is hosting the event.



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2015 Spring Fire & Anishinaabe Lifeways Teachings

The Spring Fire & Teachings were conducted beginning on Wednesday of last week and everyone is



thankful for the many, many folks who attended. While the weather was a bit damp, everyone rolled with it and ended up in the Tribal Historical Preservation Department teaching area downstairs at the Government Center in Manistee. An article on the event will be in the April edition of the *Currents*.

2015 Spring Membership Meeting at LRBOI

This weekend was the 16th Membership Meeting during the time that Ogema Romanelli has been in office and it was a historic occasion as he was joined on stage by all Tribal Council members so that they, as our elected leaders, could hear concerns from tribal members and take questions from them. Many tribal members thanked all of them for being there and participating. There were 214 Registered Voters (out of 1203) in attendance so there was not a quorum. 361 were necessary for there to be a quorum.





2015 Tribal Election

Office of the Ogema

Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli Steve Parsons

Chief Judge

Austen J. Brauker Daniel T. Bailey Sharron Cogswell Detz

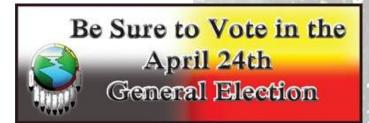


Office of Tribal <u>Council-9 County</u>

Candace M. Chapman Jamie Friedel Jessica Lynn Burger Pat Ruiter Rita Annette Gale Ronald Wittenberg Sandra "Peanut" Lewis Sandy Mezeske Steven E. Kequom

Office of Tribal Council -At Large

Joseph Riley II Norbert Kelsey Sally Bell



(The candidates it these races did not go through the primary process, but will be on the General Election Ballot)

ELECTION BOARD

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE- ELDER

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ATTORNEY

Peggy Derouin

Joseph J. LaPorte

Damian S. Fisher

Tammy Bowen

Justice Cynthia Pete Champagne

Melissa L. Pope

Brandi Drake-Blamer

Karen Love

Valerie Robinson McDonnell

General Election on the 24th!

The ballots will be counted and tabulated in the Lodge Room at the Government Center. Open voting begins at 10 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m.

Counting of mailed ballots begins at noon!

"The very dust under your feet responds more lovingly to our footsteps than to yours, because it is the ashes of our ancestors, and our bare feet are conscious of the sympathetic touch, for the soil is rich with the life of our kindred."

-- Chief Seattle, SUQUAMISH

If you respect something, it will respect you back. If your ancestors respected something, the future generations will be respected back. The Indian ancestors always showed great respect for the Earth. That's why the Earth is so respectful to Indians today. Every Indian naturally feels connectedness to the Earth. We know the Earth holds our ancestors. If we continue to respect Mother Earth, our children will benefit and so will our grand- children. Today, we should think about and pray for our Mother Earth.

Grandmother, let me have strong feelings for our Earth today.

Sweetgrass Moon Traditional Powwow

July 11th and 12th, 2015 in Hopkins, MI. Hosted by Matchebenashshewish Band of Pottawatomi Indians.

Contact: Punkin Shananaquet 616.292.9971 or Yebishawn Old Shield 269.447.6727

REACHING OUT TO NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH TO INSPIRE READING, WRITING, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

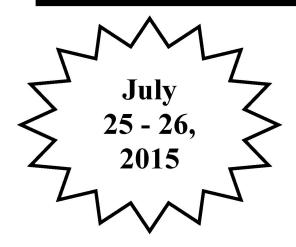
The Young Native Writers Essay Contest is a writing contest for Native American high school students and is designed to encourage young Native Americans to write about their experiences as a member of a Native American community and the culture that inspires them.

The voices that emerge from this program honor the legacy of every Native American who has ever lived. Add your words to the thousands submitted through this project - all writers receive a Certificate of Honor for their submission.

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation's goal of promoting education and creating new opportunities for youth has inspired this essay contest. Partnering with Holland & Knight in this endeavor are the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Indian Education Association.

Follow this link for the details: http://nativewriters.hklaw.com/

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Invites you to the 22nd Annual 2015 Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp



Saturday, July 25:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony) 8:00am Breakfast

8:30am Opening Ceremony

9:15am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops 12:00pm Lunch

1:15pm - 5:00pm Presentations/Workshops

5:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Jiingtamok (Pow wow)

Sunday, July 26:

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise Ceremony) 8:00am Breakfast

9:00am - 12:00pm Presentations/Workshops 12:00pm Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

- No Registration Fee
- All Meals are Provided
- Camping available (first come, first serve)
- On-site Restrooms & Bath house
- Location: 2596 Loon Drive, Manistee, MI Corner of US-31 & M-22, across from the Little River Casino Resort
- "Celebrating the Unity of Our Language & Culture"
- For the sunrise ceremony, please dress appropriately (women wear long skirts) and respectfully for all.
- We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp.
- Bring your Nation's Flag and a Giveaway
- The agenda and other information will be posted as soon as possible; please visit www.lrboi-nsn.gov or www.anishinaabemdaa.com for updates. Some presentations/workshops *may* include: cultural teachings, traditional medicines, craft making, games, language learning, etc.



Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



For more information, please contact:

Kenny Pheasant: 231-398-6892, 231-590-1187 or Terri Tyler: 231-398-6891

Email: kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov or ttyler@lrboi-nsn.gov

Presenters Call 22nd Annual Anishinaabe Family Language and Culture Camp 2015 Manistee Mi.

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We are looking for presenters for this year's camp; this will allow for plenty of time for everyone. This year's camp will be held on July 25th, 26th 2015. If you are interested in being a presenter, we will need a presentation outline and a biography.

We will need two different presentation outlines and some presenters may be asked to present up to three different times. Each presentation should be approximately 1 ½ hours long, but if you have a presentation that requires a longer amount of time, please let us know in order to accommodate your workshop. Please also let us know if your presentation is meant to target a particular age group or other demographic.

We also need to know if your workshop is total Anishinaabemowin immersion, if you will have a translator or if you will be presenting in the English language with some Anishinaabemowin. Please note that if you have handouts for your presentation, you are responsible for making sure you have enough copies because there are no copiers on site.

Just as a note, most of our guests do not speak Anishinaabemowin and some understand it, but do not speak it yet. For some of our guests, this is the only time that they get to hear Anishinaabemowin being used. It would be appreciated for all of the presenters to remain visible throughout the camp and to be available to speak in Anishinaabemowin. We have had successful Camps because of the good presenters that have participated. We attend one another's presentations and socialize with the guests; we support one another and love our language.

Along with your presentation outline and biography, we will also need to know if you require lodging. Please send all of your information by email as soon as possible and do not wait until the last minute otherwise you may not make it on the presenter list. It would be appreciated if your presentation outline and biography could be sent as separately attached documents in the email. It's just easier for us when we process our program book. (Phone calls are accepted to state your interest in presenting, but the written information is required by the deadline for consideration.)

If you know anyone who may be interested in presenting at the Camp, by all means, please forward this letter to them and have them state in their email who recommended them to present.

The deadline for all of this information is May 10, 2015

Here is my contact information: kpheasant@lrboi-nsn.gov 231-398-6892

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Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant



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Wenesh pii: April 22 - 23, 2015

Aki Maadiziwin Residents: If you would like a tree planted in your yard, please contact Valerie Chandler at (231) 398-6895 no later than Monday, April 20th to be added to the list. NOTE: Residents will be responsible for the watering and care of the tree.



Wednesday, April 22

Children are encouraged to attend on this day with a note to school for an excused absence. If local children need transportation, please contact Julie Wolfe at (231) 398-6740. Seating is limited.

9:00 am Event Kick-off: Pwaagan Ceremony & Drum Song (Aki Maadiziwin Playground Area)

9:45 am White Pine Teaching (Aki Maadiziwin Playground Area) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Planting Tree Saplings (Aki Maadiziwin)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Karner Blue Butterfly & Lupine Seeds Information, Coloring Contest, Sunflower Seed Cups (Aki Maadiziwin Playground Area)

12:00 - 1:15 pm Picnic Lunch (Aki Maadiziwin Playground Area)
1:15 - 3:15 pm Scavenger Hunt, ABC Nature Walk, Earth Day Bingo, Kite Flying (Aki Maadiziwin Playground Area)

3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Friendly Outdoor Games & Activities, Earth Day Craft Project (Aki Maadiziwin Playground Area)

5:30 pm Celebration Feast (Aki Maadiziwin Community Center)

Wear <u>Green</u> on <u>Wednesday</u> and <u>Blue</u> on <u>Thursday</u> to show your support for Earth Day!

Thursday, April 23

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Planting Tree Saplings (Aki Maadiziwin), Composting Demonstration, Old/Unwanted Prescription Medication Collection and Information, Trash Pick-up (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

12:00 - 1:15 pm Picnic Potluck (Bring a Dish to Pass) (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

1:15 - 3:15 pm Karner Blue Butterfly & Lupine Seeds Information, Scavenger Hunt, ABC Nature Walk, Earth Day Bingo, Kite Flying, Sunflower Seed Cups (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Friendly Outdoor Games & Activities, Earth Day Craft Project (Gathering Grounds Pavilion)

This event is a collaboration of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Be-Da-Bin, Education, Historic Preservation, Housing, and Natural Resources Departments along with the Manistee County Conservation District and Nature Resources Conservation Service.



Kwewok Circle Presents The History and Traditions Of Anishnabekwe Jigoodenh

(Native Women Dresses)

Come April 15th,22nd and 29th to the Community Center a different dress will be discussed each week.

5:30~7:00pm

Learn about Women's Pow-wow Regalia and how the different types of dresses are made, also the traditions the go with the wearing of that style of dress. We will have models on hand to show you their dress and talk about why they chose that style of dress. We will have the teachings that go with the dress and about the colors we choose for our regalia and the meanings of those colors.

For more information call 231-510-2424 Deb Davis





Saturday April 25, 2015 10am—Noon

Bring the whole family to the

Family Fun Health Fair

Free event focusing on ways to keep your children and family safe, healthy, and fit—now and into the future.

- *Free Giveaways and Prizes
- *Smokey Bear
- *Fire & Police
 Emergency Vehicles
- *Balloon Artist
- *Face Painting
- *Movement Minutes



Vendor Tables include:

- Community Resources
- Parent Connections
- Health Services
- Preschool Contacts
- Child Development

Location:
Manistee Catholic Central
School Gymnasium
1200 U.S. 31 South



Sponsored by: The Great Start Collaborative and The Council of the Young Child For More information contact: Patti Borucki at pborucki@manistee.org

Mattress Sale!

Exclusive OFFER to all Little River Casino Resort associates and Little River Band of Ottawa Indian tribal members at significant savings!

The Tranquility sleep set is an Ultra-Premium Plush top mattress set made with the finest spring unit, upholstery and quilt packages on the market. Our supplier has remained committed to using higher than National brand industry standards in all components to provide exceptional sleep! This mattress set has the unique ability to provide exceptional support and sleep for everybody even two people of different weights.

This mattress is 13.5" tall and the box spring is 7.75" tall. All orders must be placed and paid for by May 16, 2015.



Payment methods: cash, check or credit via LRCR Hotel Front Desk Supervisor, and LRCR associates can opt to do a payroll deduct (please call Barb Wood at 231-723-1535 ext 3863 for details). Mattress will be available for pick up at the LRCR warehouse on Dontz Road May 21st after 4pm.



"People think other things are more important than prayer, but they are mistaken."

-- Thomas Yellowtail, CROW

An Elder once said the most important thing you can do in the course of a day is to pray. If we get up late or oversleep, which is more important? Rush to work without praying or pray first and then go to work? The Elders say it's more important to pray. If we get angry, should we act on our anger or should we pray first? The Elders say it's more important to pray first. If, during the day, we face indecision, what should we do? PRAY. If, during the day, we become irritated or we experience fear, what should we do first? PRAY. The Warrior who prays first will lead a different life from those who pray last.

Great Spirit, teach me to pray first!

(Cultural & Government related items)

Warriors Society: Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email vjohnson@lrboi.com for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events.

Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



Commander John Shano reported that this month, members of the Warriors participated in the funeral services for GTB's Chair George Bennett-ba and LRBOI Warrior Joe Koon-ba.

Commission Openings! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

Be Sure to Vote in the April 24th
General Election

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April 2015 Tribal Court Docket

(subject to deletions or additions)

Key:

со	Cora Offense/Conservation	GC	General Civil
cs	Child Support	GM	Guardianship of Minor
СТ	Civil Ticket	GR	Employment Matter
DM	Divorce with children	1C	Judicial Complaint
DO	Divorce w/o children	JV	Juvenile
EA	Enrollment Appeal	LT	Landlord Tenant
EB	Election Board Appeal	NA	Neglect Abuse
EM	Emancipation of Minor	NC	Name Change
FJ	Foreign Judgment	PF	Probate
FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	PPO	Personal Protection Order
GA	Gaming Appeal		37.487.48

Court Docket

Monday, April 13, 2015	Judge Bailey		
11:00 a.m.	Gillette v. Badger	15026GC Pretrial Hrg.	
01:00 p.m.	Hamilton v. LRCR	15016GR Grievance Hearing	
03:30 p.m.	Hamilton v. Moore	07015DM Show Cause Hrg.	
Monday, April 20, 2015	Judge Bailey		
10:00 a.m.	Housing v. Shaw	11274LT Motion Hearing	
01:30 p.m.	LRB v. Smith	15036TM Arraignment	
Thursday, April 23, 2015	COURT OFFICES CLOSED F	OR TRAINING	
Monday, April 27, 2015	Judge E	Bailey	
10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Compeau	14264TM Sentencing	
11:00 a.m.	LRB v. DeBres	09274TM Arraignment	
01:30 p.m.	LRB v. Nedeau	15017TM Pretrial	
02:00 p.m.	LRB v. Olsen	15032CT Informal Hrg.	
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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you!

Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job

announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next

opportunity.

www.lrboi-nsn.gov

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Tribal Government Buildings

By calling the HR Department

Job Title	Department	Open Date	Close Date
<u>Deli Attendant</u>	Trading Post	3-31-15	4-15-15

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource

Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. . You can download the Employment Application and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

From Workforce Development...

Short-Term Work Experience/Employment Available

Short-term employment is available through the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program for FY 2015. If you are a LRBOI Tribal Citizen at least 18 years old, you may qualify for a paid adult work experience short-term placement. The Workforce Development Program offers the short-term adult worker 320 paid hours at \$10.00 per hour. After application materials, background investigation and drug screen determinations are complete, workers are placed in an entry level position where help is needed. In addition, a few positions are also available for youth 16-17 years old. The youth work experience is also 320 paid hours at \$8.15 per hour. Youth workers must also submit completed application materials, complete a background investigation and drug screen, and submit a Form CA-7 Combined Offer of Employment and Work Permit/Age Certificate for minors 16 and 17 years of age available from your school. Those interested should contact the Workforce Development Program toll-free at 1-888-723-8288, extension 6842, direct line 231-398-6842, or e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com for additional program details and application materials. Information is also available online at Irboi.com under Membership Services/Commerce.

Paid Internships Available

A limited number of paid internships are available through the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program for FY 2015. If you are a LRBOI Tribal Preference Student (Citizen or Descendant) at least 18 years old with a 2.75 or above Cumulative Grade Point Average and enrolled in a degreed program at an accredited College or University and need to complete an Internship in order to graduate, you may qualify for a paid internship. The Workforce Development Program offers the intern 240 paid hours at \$10.00 per hour. Interns are placed based on their interest and educational field of study at LRBOI government, enterprises and business entities. Interns are specifically needed in the areas of IT and Medicine/Health. Tribal Citizens who are Class of 2015 High School Graduates at least 18 years old and enrolled in an accredited College or University in 2015 may also qualify for a paid internship. Those interested should contact the Workforce Development Program toll-free at 1-888-723-8288, extension 6842, direct line 231-398-6842, or e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com for additional internship program details and application materials.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2015 BEAR PERMIT Application

The Natural Resources Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for **Black Bear permits for the 2015 season**. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to; LRBOI Natural Resources Department, 2608 Government Center Dr., Manistee, MI 49660 or call the Natural Resources Department, toll free 866-723-1594. You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for a Black Bear permit. **You need not be present at the drawing to be selected.**

Application must be postmarked by Monday May 8, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Questions or comments please call: **866-723-1594**

Drawing will be held in June, 2015

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2015 ELK PERMIT Application

The Natural Resources Commission will be holding a lottery drawing for Elk permits for the 2015 season. If you are interested in participating in this lottery, please return this application to; LRBOI Natural Resources Department, 2608 Government Center Dr., Manistee, MI 49660 or call the Natural Resources Department, toll free 866-723-1594. You will be contacted by telephone if your name is drawn for an Elk permit. You need not be present at the drawing to be selected. NOTE: You are ineligible to apply if you have received or were offered an Elk permit within the last five (5) years.

Application must be postmarked by Monday May 8, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Questions or comments please call: **866-723-1594**

Drawing will be held in June, 2015

Name:		Tribal ID#:		<u></u>
Address:				
City:		State:	Zip Code:	
Daytime Phone:	Cell:	Elder:		

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MANISTEE SHOP WITH A COP And The Heathlands Golf Course

Present

3rd Annual Shop With A Cop Golf Shoot out and Dinner

Saturday May 30, 2015 Start Time 3:00pm

Many Raffles and prizes and Games

<u>Team Members</u>			
Team Captain: Name:	Phone:	. Email:————	
Team Member: Name:	Phone:	Email:	
Team Member: Name:	Phone:	Email:	
Team Member: Name:	Phone:	Email:	

\$260.00 PER TEAM

Price includes 18 holes of golf, cart and dinner after.

Send money and Registration to Manistee Shop With A Cop 2734 Caberfae Hwy Manistee, MI 49660

Or give registration and money to Officer McShane

You may also register online

manisteeshopwithac.wix.com/manisteeshopwithacop manisteeshopwithacop@yahoo.com

This information was provided by Tribal Public Safety who asked that it be distributed.